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## Bonhams at Quail Lodge, 12 - 13 August 2010 - Preview

1970 Porsche 917 Interserie Spyder - 'Refer Dept.'

Extending its Quail Lodge sale to two days this year, Bonhams will offer over 100 cars and a wealth of automobilia at its showpiece Monterey-week event. A considerable proportion of the sale is Porsche-related due to the inclusion of entries from the Michael Amalfitano collection.

In pride of place is the **1970 Porsche 917 Interserie Spyder** ('Refer Dept.' for price). Although now in psychedelic 1970s colours and simple open two-seater configuration, as a blue/orange **JW Automotive Gulf** coupé it was driven by **Mike Hailwood** and **David Hobbs** at the **1970 Le Mans 24 Hours**, leaving the road when caught out by a snap rainstorm early in the race.

There's also an ex-works **1967 Porsche 910** coupé (ex-Mitter/Bianchi Nürburgring 1000km for \$675,000 - 725,000), a **1975 Porsche Carrera RSR 3.0** (\$325,000 - 375,000), a Jägermeister-liveried **1988-89 Porsche 962 Group C car** (\$425,000 - 475,000) and - a rarity, this - a **1992 Porsche 964 Carrera 4 Lightweight**. The latter is one of only 20 such **964 Carrera 4s** built by **Porsche** and estimated at \$120,000 - 140,000.

1930 Mercedes-Benz 38/250 7.1 Litre Supercharged 'SS' Sports Tourer - \$2,000,000 - 3,000,000	The Ex-Bruce McLaren Briggs Cunningham Team Sebring 3-Hours winning, 1961 Fiat-Abarth 1000 Bialbero - \$300,000 - 350,000
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Non-Amalfitano racing cars to be sold at the **2010 Quail Lodge** sale include the **1974-75 Gulf-Cosworth GR8** (3rd at Le Mans in 1974 and estimated at \$1,300,000 - 1,600,000) and a 'Refer Dept.' **1953 Maserati A6GCS**.

Away from the tracks, the catalogue brims with generally high-quality entries. \$600,000 - 700,000 is, on the face of it, on the pricier end of 'pricey' for a **1960 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Roadster**. If you take a moment to consider its **two** extensive restorations (one by the factory to 'as-new' condition in 1970), though, the strong price makes sense, and it looks simply stunning in the colour combination of pale blue/tan leather.

1966 AC Shelby Cobra 427 MkIII - \$650,000 - 750,000	1967 Porsche Type 910 - \$675,000 - 725,000
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Of the older cars, it's another **Mercedes** that catches the eye: the **1930 Mercedes-Benz 38/250 7.1 Litre Supercharged 'SS' Sports Tourer**, a striking machine for \$2,000,000 - 3,000,000. Pre-War **Rolls-Royces** can be no less impressive, and **Bonhams** has several to be sold, including a **1930 Phantom I Ascot Sport Phaeton** (\$285,000 - 325,000), a **1929 Phantom I Sports Phaeton** (\$250,000 - 350,000) and a **1929 Phantom I Ascot Tourer** for \$165,000 - 185,000.

Catalogued as an "enormously usable historic sports car", there's also the **1937 BMW 328** \$550,000 - 650,000.

1990 Ferrari F40 - \$300,000 - 330,000	1992 Porsche 964 Carrera 4 Lightweight - \$120,000 - 140,000
1967 Porsche 911S Sport Kit II - \$200,000 - 250,000	1960 Mercedes-Benz 300SL Roadster - \$600,000 - 700,000

Older, and competition cars aside, **Bonhams' Quail** sale also includes a generous selection of more everyday classics from **Jaguar**, **Austin-Healey**, **Porsche** and **MG**.

Finally, in the "well, Steve, so what would you have..." category (an extensive one, I know...) is the **1967 Porsche 911S Sport Kit II** (\$200,000 - 250,000). This light ivory coupé is a typical product of an enthusiastic **Stuttgart** factory supplying off-the-shelf racing equipment to privateers worldwide. It has

extensive in-period (**SCCA** and **Trans Am**, winning the under-two-litre category of the **1967 Kent 300 Trans Am**) racing history and – bar the superlight ‘R’ bodysell – is as near to the works racers as you can get.

A lovely, small-capacity ‘saloon’ in fine, original condition.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to see the full lotlist for the **12-13 August 2010, Quail Lodge** sale.

The sale will be held at the **Bonhams** pavilion at the **Quail Lodge Resort & Golf Club**, 8205 Valley Greens Drive, Carmel, CA 93932.

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